

room and he, unfortunately, had to be placed into an ambulance and taken across town to another emergency room where he sat for 9 hours before he could get any care and did not receive the surgery he needed. In fact, Mr. Yamen has lost his tree trimming business and much of the nerve endings and feeling in his leg. His family has been in great economic struggle as a result of this.

What these stories tell me is that patients enrolled in an HMO need basic protections and guarantees of adequate coverage. Our families are paying for the insurance. They need to get the care, and they need to know it is going to be there in an emergency.

I believe a strong Patients' Bill of Rights provides those protections and guarantees for coverage. Certainly, Jessica and her family and the families I mentioned and all of the others I talked to all across Michigan have stories that need to be addressed because they are not just stories; they are reality for too many people.

I am committed to reaching across the aisle to work with our colleagues

to pass this critical health care legislation. I know that in order to keep my promise to Jessica's family, we have to get to work and we have to work together. I am ready to work with everyone who shares my goals and the goals and the needs of the families whom I represent. I look forward to working on the legislation that has been introduced today and the opportunity for us to show clearly that we intend to work together for the people of our country by passing a strong Patients' Bill of Rights as quickly as possible.

Mr. President, I yield back the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be permitted to speak as in morning business for 6 minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, first, on behalf of my colleagues, permit me to extend a warm welcome to our new Senator from Michigan. It was an honor to be on the floor as she made

her first speech. I appreciate very much her dedication and enthusiasm and her expressed commitment and interest in working together. I assure her we will have many opportunities in the months to come. All of us are going to have to work together if we are going to make the kind of progress we wish.

(The remarks of Mr. BOND pertaining to the introduction of S. 29 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, is there further business to come before the Senate at this time?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 3:03 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, January 23, 2001, at 11:30 a.m.